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CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION JUNE 17, 2009

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by
Chairman McGovern, who led Commissioners and the
audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: Harlow, Spencer

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Kirkorn, McGovern, Rivera, Shaw, and
Siersema were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Tony Olmos, City Engineer
Howard Johnson, Utilities Manager
Aaron Klemm, Energy Project Manager
Todd Broussard, Principal Engineer
Duncan Lee, Principal Engineer
Debbie DeBow, Senior Civil Engineer
Linda Daily, Program Manager
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

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Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Shaw to approve the
minutes of May 20, 2009.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Harlow, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 2 (Kirkorn, Rivera)

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

- E-1. Fiscal Year 2009/10 CIP Projects Review – Tony Olmos presented Part II of the 2009/10 CIP projects with a PowerPoint presentation. Part II includes the areas of Water Quality, Facilities, Parks, and Water Improvements. Due to recent budget cuts, only Facilities and Water projects have funding for FY 2009/10. The draft CIP for 2009/10 will be presented at the July Public Works Commission Meeting. A total of \$13.51 million is available from various funding sources.

Facility Improvements totaling \$1.46 million include ADA improvements to the Central Park restrooms and Oakview Community Center. Improvements will be made to the Shipley Nature Center restroom. Energy Efficiency Improvements include improvements to HVAC controls and lighting retrofits, pier and downtown LED lighting, improvements to the Management Information Center at the Civic Center for billing, Senior Center commissioning and a feasibility study for large scale solar installations.

Commissioner Shaw inquired if a cost analysis had been completed. Aaron Klemm, Energy Project Manager, responded improvements are projected to save \$450,000-\$500,000 per year in utility costs. SCE incentives and federal funds will be used for the improvements. No General Fund monies will be used. Discussion ensued.

Water Improvement Projects total \$12.05 million and include corrosion control, southeast reservoir and transmission main, water main replacement at various locations, water system reliability studies, water master planning studies, water booster station studies for dual power capabilities, utility yard Improvements and landscaping irrigation improvements at city parks and facilities. Corrosion control will include the final segment of the 42-inch main, corrosion control of a 21-inch main, corrosion control of a 12-inch harbor line, and rehabilitation of above ground utilities.

- E-2. Travis Hopkins informed the Commission of a late item, Approve Increase in Change Order Limit on the City Hall Seismic Upgrade Project, CC-1306. At the Monday night Study Session the City Council received an update on the City Hall Seismic Retrofit. The item is a result of the Study Session.

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Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Shaw to hear the late item Approve Increase in Change Order Limit on the City Hall Seismic Upgrade Project, CC-1306.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Harlow, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

Travis Hopkins introduced the item. The Seismic Retrofit project was delayed in June 2008 with the discovery of material used for waterproofing that today is considered hazardous material. The project was halted and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) was contacted. The DTSC has directed and approved all the elements of the removal process. This portion of the project is nearing completion with a final report to be prepared by the consultant and reviewed and accepted by the DTSC. The process added an estimated \$1.45 million to the project which absorbed most of the approved 20% contingency funding.

At the June 15, 2009 Study Session, City Council approved to include cladding on the exterior beam. A \$600,000 short fall is the result of the cleanup and cladding. Additional funding is required to complete the project. Redevelopment Agency Area (RDA) funds have been requested as City Hall lies within the RDA area. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Rivera to recommend to the City Council to increase the previously authorized construction change order limit from \$1,180,968 (20%) to \$1,660,968 (28%) for the Seismic Upgrade Project CC-1306.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Harlow, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- E-3. Travis Hopkins informed the Commissioners the annual Traffic Commissioners Workshop that is traditionally held at Cal Poly Pomona will not be held this year. He will keep the Public Works Commission informed should there be any changes.
- E.4 Travis Hopkins updated the Commissioners on the FY 2009/10 budget as it relates to Public Works. Originally the department was asked to reduce its budget by

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7%. Expected revenues, such as property tax and sales tax, continue to decline resulting in Public Works being asked to reduce its budget by an additional 4%.

The State is considering taking Gas Tax money with no planned repay. Gas Tax typically funds arterial projects. If the State does take the Gas Tax funds, the reduction to the City would be approximately \$3.4 million. Should this occur, it would have significant impacts on the CIP and the budget. Withholding of Gas Tax funds would result in the Department requesting City Council reject all bids on selected projects that have been bid with projected funding from Gas Tax and the project put on hold.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Projects Report – Tony Olmos gave an update on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) that had significant changes during the past month. Due to funding issues, some projects will be moved to the next fiscal year.
- F-2. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – Travis Hopkins reminded the Commissioners the document is informational for agenda scheduling purposes only and is subject to change. The Strategic Plan update will be presented at the July 6, 2009 meeting. The July 20, 2009 meeting will be the Central County Corridor Study and the Utility Yard Improvements Project Update.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Central Park Irrigation Pump Station Construction Project, CC-1268 – Duncan Lee presented the project. The Central Park Irrigation Pump Station is located in Central Park south of the Park Bench Café. The existing pump station is over 20 years old and in a state of disrepair. The new pump station facility will be built adjacent to the existing station. The new station will have a higher pumping capacity and will be more efficient. The project is two phases and when complete will supply irrigation water to Central Park, the Sports Complex, Murdy Park, and landscape medians along Goldenwest Street.

Mr. Johnson stated the water from this well is sub-potable as it is high in color units, therefore, it is used for irrigation. Commissioner Kirkorn inquired if the use of reclaimed water for irrigation had been investigated. Howard Johnson responded Orange County Water District (OCWD) did not run a main line to bring reclaimed water into the City.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn to recommend to the City Council the Central Park Irrigation Pump Station Construction Project.

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VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Harlow, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-2. Downtown Pedestrian, Alley and Street Improvements Phase II, CC-1340 – Todd Broussard presented the item. The rehabilitation project consists of removing and replacing damaged curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps and pavement areas on proposed street and alley segments in the downtown area.

Commissioner Kirkorn inquired on the Huntington Street segment as only the east side is listed. Todd Broussard responded Pacific City is conditioned to complete the west side of Huntington Street with its construction.

Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn to recommend to the City Council the 2008/09 Downtown Pedestrian, Alley and Street Improvements Phase II, CC-1340.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Harlow, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-3. Utility Yard Facility Improvements, CC-1261 – Todd Broussard presented the item. With the combination of Wastewater, Storm Drain and Water Divisions in 2003, personnel and equipment are all located at the Utilities Division. Due to space limitations, personnel have been operating out of temporary trailers. The project will construct additional buildings to accommodate the reorganization.

The Design Review Board approved the project in 2008. Plans are expected the end of the month. Funding for the project is available in the Water Fund account and has been budgeted for the construction.

Commissioner Kirkorn inquired about the community meeting room. Howard Johnson responded the meeting room will be used in various ways including as the backup Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Should City Hall not function in a disaster situation, the meeting room at Utilities would serve as the EOC.

Chair McGovern inquired if the project were postponed would the funding be lost. Travis Hopkins responded the project has been programmed and funding is available. Costs are currently lower related partially to the downturn in the

economy. The City is currently seeing cost reductions with some projects. There are currently no stimulus funds available for the project.

Chair McGovern then inquired on the impact if the project did not move forward. Howard Johnson responded when the Divisions were joined the current facilities were to be used as they were for one year which has now turned into six years. If the project is delayed much longer it may need to go out for redesign.

Travis Hopkins responded he understood the concern of perception by residents of the use of funds to build the facility. A good outreach program will be developed to ensure residents understand where funding for the project is coming from and that no General Fund money is being used to build the facility. It will also be important to ensure the community knows building the facility will not cause a delay to any City improvements.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Shaw to recommend to the City Council the Utility Yard Facility Improvements.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Harlow, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Shaw inquired who is in charge of the landscaping along Newland. He recently had out of town guests who commented on how good the landscaping looks. Travis Hopkins responded Jim Jones and his crews do the landscaping. Travis will convey to Mr. Jones the compliment.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

John McGovern
Chair



Joyce A. Greene
Administrative Assistant